

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement in a motor vehicle having at least a first and second vehicle seat positioned adjacent one another to provide side-impact protection for the occupant of ~~at least one seat~~ one of the seats, ~~the or each seat being associated with~~ the air-bag arrangement comprising two air-bag units provided for at least one of the seats; ~~one~~ a first air-bag unit containing an air-bag to be deployed to occupy a space on ~~the~~ an inboard side of the seat and ~~the other~~ a second air-bag unit containing an air-bag to be deployed to occupy a space on ~~the~~ an outboard side of the seat, ~~there being~~ a sensor and control arrangement to sense a side impact of the vehicle and to determine which side of the vehicle has been impacted, and to generate actuation signals capable of actuating only the first or second air-bag unit closest to the point of impact.

2. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to claim 1, ~~configured to provide protection for the occupants of two said seats arranged adjacent one another,~~ further comprising wherein the sensor and control arrangement is configured to generate actuation signals capable of actuating only the one of the first or second air-bag unit associated with ~~the first seat~~ first and the second seats closest to the point of impact, ~~and only the air bag unit of the second seat closest to the point of impact.~~

3. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ further comprising wherein at least one seat of the first or second seats is provided with a sensor to sense the presence of an occupant in the seat, the sensor enabling actuation of the at least one of the first or second air-bag units associated with that seat in response to the actuation signal from the sensor and control unit.
4. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to ~~any preceding Claim 1~~ further comprising wherein at least one of the first or second air-bag unit units ~~for the or each seat~~ is mounted in the back-rest of the seat.
5. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 4 wherein the ~~said one unit in the or each seat~~ air-bag unit is on the inboard side of the seat.
6. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 4 wherein both the first and the second air-bag units ~~associated with the or each seat~~ are mounted in the back-rest of the seat.
7. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to ~~any one of Claims 4 to 5~~ Claim 1 wherein at least one of the first or the second air-bag unit units ~~associated with the or each seat~~ is mounted in an adjacent pillar of the motor vehicle.
8. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1 wherein the ~~or each said seat~~ at least one of the first or second seats is provided with a three-point safety-belt.

9. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 8 wherein the ~~or each~~ safety-belt is provided with a pretensioner.

10. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1, wherein the inboard side of the ~~or each~~ seat is associated with a support element, the support element being configured to extend inboard of the inflated inboard air-bag so as to provide lateral support to at least part of the inflated air-bag.

11. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the support element is mounted ~~in or on~~ to the same seat as the inboard air-bag that it supports.

12. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 10 ~~or Claim 11~~, wherein ~~said~~ the support element is moveable upon actuation of the air-bag on the inboard side of the seat, from an initial position to an operative position, the airbag being configured to extend to an operative position, the support element being configured to extend inboard of the inflated airbag when in ~~said~~ the operative position.

13. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 12, wherein ~~said~~ the support element is resiliently deformable and configured, when in ~~said~~ the operative position, to yield under a force exerted thereon by the weight of ~~an~~ the occupant of the seat ~~in a crash~~ an impact, thereby absorbing energy.

14. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 12 ~~or Claim~~ 43, wherein ~~said~~ the support element is configured to move from ~~said~~ the initial position to ~~said~~ the operative position in a generally ~~forwards~~ forward direction relative to ~~said~~ the back-rest.